

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 22, 2016

Time: 7:05 PM

Place: Town Manager's Conference Room, Ipswich Town Hall

Attendees:

Members:

Wayne Castonguay, Chair
Gordon Harris
David Feldman
Ralph Williams
Katie Hone

Staff: Michelle Vaillancourt

Associates:

Andy Brengle
Andy Cracknell
Sissy ffolliott
Ed Monnelly

Planning Board Liason: Cathy Chadwick

Visitors:

Ken Swenson, Athletic Fields Study Committee
Hannah Wilbur, Essex County Greenbelt Association
Pat Burke

Meeting Agenda

Citizens' Queries: None

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the draft minutes of the open and executive sessions of July 25, 2016 was moved by Ralph Williams, seconded by Katie Hone and approved by unanimous vote.

Items Not Reasonably Anticipated:

- Essex County Greenbelt Association is organizing the first-ever Essex County Open Space Conference on November 12, 2016 at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA. Michelle Vaillancourt will email registration information to the OSC.
- Sissy ffolliott asked whether the OSC should suggest to the BOS that the Town undertake a search for new sources of water for the Town. Wayne Castonguay

stated that the Town is currently conducting a comprehensive water resources plan that includes capital needs, the manganese issue and obtaining new sources of water. He also mentioned that he and Michelle Vaillancourt met with Vicki Halman, Water Director last week to discuss properties with the potential for producing water. The discussion focused on land within the Muddy Run watershed as the new permitting process will make it quite onerous to obtain a permit for a new water source elsewhere in Town.

Executive Session: The Chair requested a motion to adjourn the open session meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing potential acquisition of three parcels under active consideration. David Feldman so moved, Ralph Williams seconded, and the role-call vote was unanimous in favor the motion. The Committee adjourned the open session and entered executive session at 7:36 PM.

Adjournment: On motion of Ralph Williams seconded by Gordon Harris the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting Date: September 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Town Manager's Conference Room.